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I am writing to respectfully encourage you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 which would restrict satellite radio providers from providing locally oriented programming. I am currently an XM radio subscriber, and I am very pleased with the service provided. XM provides more variety and quality programming than local stations can provide, and I am willing to pay for these services. I often travel back and forth between Tampa and Orlando, and I use XM to check the traffic in both cities during my travel. The fact that I can receive Orlando traffic on XM well before I am in range of an Orlando station allows me to bypass problems well BEFORE I get to them.

I fail to understand the differences between the types of services XM radio provides and the services that are provided by cable or satellite companies. My local cable company has a 24 hour local news channel that directly competes with the broadcast TV channels in much the same way that XM's traffic and weather channels compete with local radio stations.

Again, I strongly urge you to reject the NAB's petition 01-160. Please continue allow XM to compete fairly in the marketplace, and provide consumers with an alternate source for this information.